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**Pinkney and Webster.**  
Rt. Rev. Wm. Pinkney, Assistant Protestant

Episcopal Bishop of Maryland, has written an interesting letter to the Albany Law Journal in denial of an incident related in Peter Harvey's "Reminiscences of Daniel Webster at the Bar." Harvey tells the story, which has been

heretofore discredited, that Mr. Webster told him that he had on one occasion locked Mr. Pickney in one of the grand jury rooms of the Capitol and extorted from him as he stood trembling like an aspen leaf, an humble apol-

Bishop Piskoev, who is a nephew of the great jurist, says that he perused these pages with pain and astonishment, and while it is a

very painful thing to be compelled to expose the gross inaccuracy of this whole statement, yet it will be clearly seen that no near relatives of Mr. Pinkney can suffer it to pass without the rebuke it so richly merits. No one, he says, who knew Mr. Pinkney will believe this story. It

is too artistically drawn. Mr. Mackey's courage has been too often tested to be questioned. Of powerful physical frame and a moral nerve that few men possessed in equal degree, he had no occasion to quake and tremble in the presence of the distinguished son of Massachusetts.

He further speaks of the narrative as a moral impossibility, as, he says, Webster was not a bully, and every testifier of his nature would have recoiled from such a scene, and no man could have been a witness to it.

who knew William Pinkney would believe that Mr. Webster, if he had been a bully, would have dared to do it in Pinkney's lifetime and to his face. It does not comport with the dignity of the court, for Judge Marshall would have rebuked an act of such gross discourtesy on the spot.

In other parts of the letter Bishop Pickney says: "I turn, then, from Mr. Peter Harvey, who has recorded it, to the many warm admirers of Mr. Webster, and address to them this my solemn remonstrance. And I greatly rejoice, that the same will be read by you."

mistake the character of the men to whom I address this appeal if they do not discard the dead alone of which Mr. Webster could not possibly be guilty. It may be said that this defence is long delayed. It may be said, why revive the satyr at this late day? I reply, because the satyr is a human being, and he is not dead.

cause that book may pass into history; and also, because of the high reputation of its hero, it may be read in years to come, when men will not pause to inquire whether what it contains is true or false, and whence, perhaps, silence will be considered proof of acquiescence. What Mr. Webster thought or said, at Mr. Peck's

What Mr. Webster thought of said of Mr. Haynes as a lawyer or a man gives me no concern save that I should deeply deplore any lack of that noble quality which is nowhere more beautifully expressed than in his noblesse:—against Haynes—the quality that takes no delight in dragging others down. At a moment when the heart does give out its truest utterance, Mr. Webster asks:

live out his latest utterances. Mr. Webster asked permission to follow Goodloe Harper in his splendid eulogy on Pickney, and then and there he did utter words of pathos and power. \* \* \* I would not detract from Daniel Webster to exalt or magnify my uncle, if that were possible. I am too jealous of my country's heritage of talent to be concerned in any such endeavor.

glory to be betrayed into any such weakness. I would not dim the lustre of a single star in her glorious galaxy. \* \* \* But tamely to submit to this effort of Mr. Harvey to malign the character of William Pinkney by putting forth Mr. Webster as the sounder of his own trumpet and the revealer of Pinkney's cowardice, with no

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA — An American engineer, engaged in the construction of a railway in China, who has had unusually favor-

able opportunities of examining the famous "Great Wall" built to obstruct the incursions of the Tartars, gives the following account of this wonderful work: The wall is 1,723 miles long, 18 feet high and 16 feet thick at the top.

The foundation throughout is of solid granite, the remainder of compact masonry. At intervals of between 200 and 300 yards towers rise up, 25 to 30 feet high and 24 feet in diameter. On the top of the walls and on both sides of it are masonry parapets to enable the defenders

to pass unseen from one tower to another. The wall itself is carried from point to point in a perfectly straight line, across valleys and plains and over hills, without the slightest regard to the configuration of the ground, sometimes plunging down into abyses a thousand feet

deep. Brooks and small rivers are bridged over by the wall, while on both banks of larger streams flanking towers are placed.

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**Senatorial Convention.**  
By virtue of the authority vested in us by the

State Conservative Committee, we do hereby designate Wednesday, the 4th day of September, 1879, as the time and the city of Alexandria as the place for holding a convention to nominate the conservative candidate to represent this, the 11th senatorial district, in the Senate of Virginia.

The representation in the convention will be one delegate for each one hundred conservative voters and each fraction over fifty, cast in the several counties at the last presidential election. The district is composed of Alexandria city and county, Fairfax and Prince William.

HUGH LATHAM.

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